

**AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:**

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Fig. 3. This sheet, which includes Figs. 2 and 3, replaces the original sheet including Figs. 2 and 3. In Fig. 3, the reference "DSK" has been changed to --OSK--. Also, the lead lines for ARF and IRF have been corrected.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet

REMARKS

The office action of December 5, 2008, has been carefully considered.

It is noted that the drawings are objected to on various grounds.

The specification is objected to for not containing section headings and for problems with the Abstract.

Claims 7-11 are objected to for containing various informalities.

Claim 9 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

Finally, it is noted that claims 7, 8, 10 and 11 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the formal objections, and claim 9 would be allowable if amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

In connection with the Examiner's objections to the application, applicant has attached hereto a new Abstract of the

Disclosure and has amended the specification to include section headings.

In view of these considerations it is respectfully submitted that the objections to the application are overcome and should be withdrawn.

Regarding the objections to the drawings, applicant has attached hereto a replacement sheet of drawings in which Fig. 3 has been amended to change reference "DSK" --OSK--, and correct the lead lines for ARF and IRF. It is submitted that no new matter has been added.

In view of these considerations it is respectfully submitted that the objections to the drawings are overcome and should be withdrawn.

In view of the Examiner's objection to and rejection of the claims, applicant has amended claims 7-11.

It is respectfully submitted that the claims now on file particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Applicant has amended

the claims to address the instances of indefiniteness pointed out by the Examiner.

In view of these considerations it is respectfully submitted that the rejection of claim 9 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph is overcome and should be withdrawn.

Applicant has also amended the claims to address the informalities pointed out by the examiner. In view of these changes it is respectfully submitted that the objection to claims 7-11 is overcome and should be withdrawn.

In light of the Examiner's indication that the claims contain allowable subject matter, it is submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance.

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested.

Any additional fees or charges required at this time in connection with this application may be charged to Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 11-1835.



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